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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 1.32, effective May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application Number	09/748,102
	Filing Date	December 22, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Sidney Bell
	Group Art Number	2834
	Examiner Name	Tamal, Karl I.
	Attorney Docket Number	98RE017-A/YOD (REEL:0038-1)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14965 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted
I ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed
I ☐ Amendment/Reply
ii ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv ☒ Other **Preliminary Amendment**

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) (required))
b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fee**

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I ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 07/10/2002 CNGUYEN 00000044 010857 09748102
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